GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Road Accident near Settlements
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of accidents near settlements in the total accidents along the National Highways;

(b) the reasons behind increasing number of accidents near settlements along National Highways; and

(c) the steps being taken to minimise such accidents?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
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(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) to (c) Ministry of Road Transport & Highways compiles accident data in a format developed as per the Asia Pacific Road Accident Database (APRAD) project of United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia Pacific (UNESCAP) region. Accident occurred on National Highways due to settlements near National Highways are not compiled in this format. However, road accidents on National Highways including Expressways received from police department of all States/UTs for the calendar years 2013, 2014 and 2015 are given below:

Years Road Accidents on National Highways including Expressways Road Accidents on all roads % share of road accidents on National Highways
2013 1,36,786 4,86,476 28.1%
2014 1,37,903 4,89,400 28.2%
2015 1,42,268 5,01,423 28.4%

Several factors contribute to increasing number of accidents near settlements along different roads including National Highways like increasing volume of vehicles, encroachments and unregulated development along National Highways, lack of enforcement and road user education, lack of pedestrian facilities/service roads etc. Ministry has taken several measures to minimize such accidents through identification and rectification of road accident black spots, taking up of safety improvement works at selected critical locations through road safety annual plans, road safety audits and remedial measures etc. Road safety audits have been made part and parcel of all the highway development projects on Build−Operate−Transfer (BOT) and Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) modes.

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